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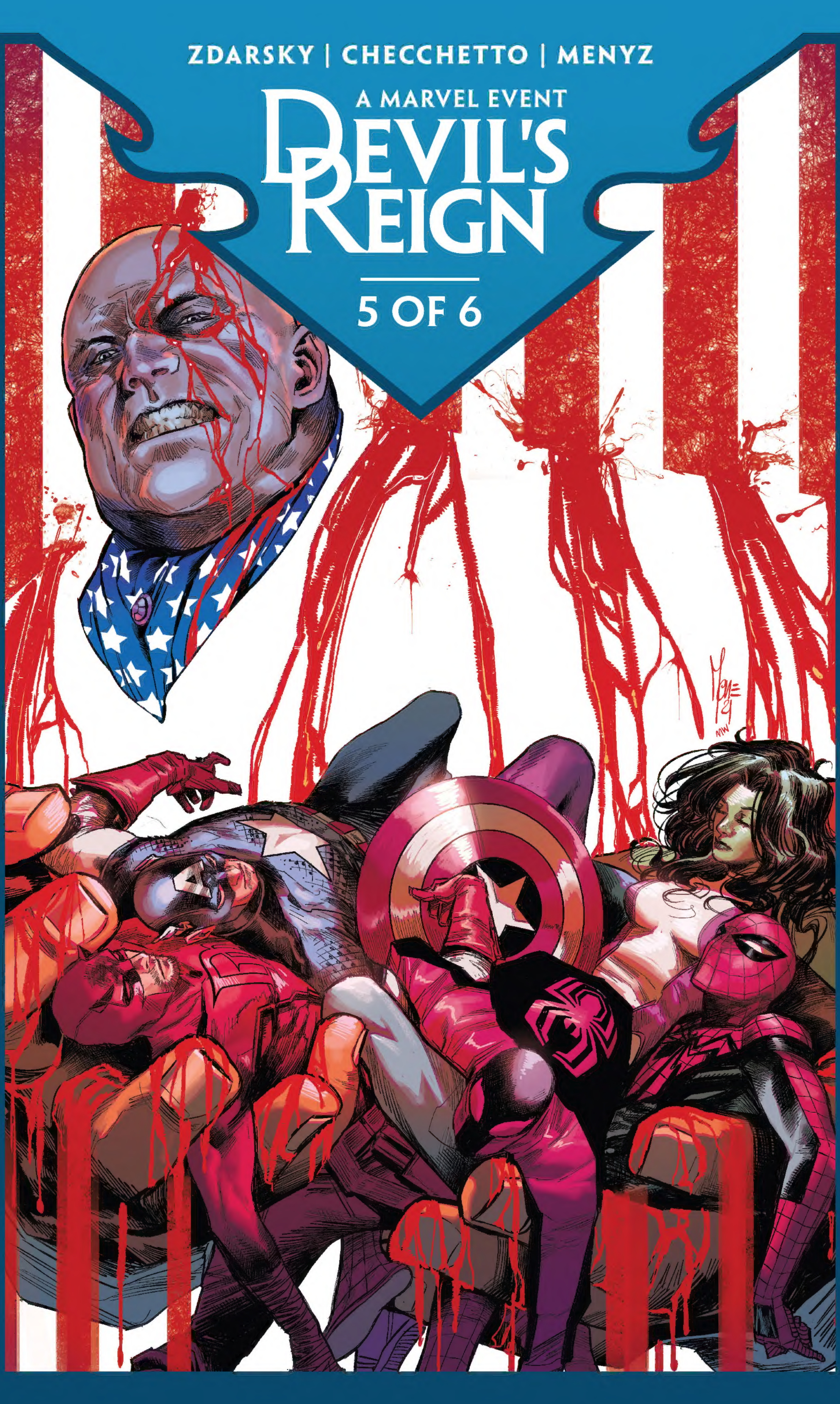

It all rushes back to me.

Daredevil dug into my mind and stole so much.

The greatest violation I've ever known. He stole my victories. He stole my *memories*...

...all so he could deny the world the fact that he was sloppy, that he was...

...Matt Murdock.

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SIR...?

I SAID THE *THUNDERBOLTS* HAVE LOCATED THE *PURPLE CHILDREN,* BUT THEY'RE IN A RESIDENTIAL BUILDING.

Matt Murdock.

SHALL I GIVE THE GO-AHEAD?

DO IT.

CASUALTIES BE DAMNED.

I'm going to kill you.

Years ago, teenager **MATT MURDOCK** was blinded after being exposed to radioactive waste. He lost his sight, but his remaining senses began to function with superhuman acuity and gifted him with an ability similar to echolocation. Dubbed his "radar sense," it grants him a unique perspective on the world as he tries to better it as the costumed vigilante called **DAREDEVIL**. Recently, the former assassin **ELEKTRA** has also taken on the Daredevil mantle.

WILSON FISK, the former Kingpin of Crime and current Mayor of New York, has made his move against his two oldest enemies and their allies by outlawing super hero vigilantism within the city limits. Fisk's deputized a new team of super-villainous Thunderbolts to maintain law and order alongside the NYPD.

The Avengers and other super heroes learned that Fisk was using the powers of the **PURPLE MAN** to manipulate the city, and had set his sights on hunting down the **PURPLE CHILDREN**. Their attempt to bring Fisk in failed after Fisk's ally **OTTO OCTAVIUS**, with help from extradimensional Ottos: the superior **HULK**, **WOLVERINE** and **GHOST RIDER**, made his own move to wrest power from the mayor.

Now Otto has a stranglehold on the city, and Fisk, scorned by his son and betrayed by his allies, is desperate to be free from the weight of his crushing hatred. He's used the purple power to make himself remember…that Matt Murdock is Daredevil!

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I'M SORRY... ALL I HAVE IS CEREAL...

SO, WHAT'S OUR PLAN?

I DON'T KNOW. NORMALLY, WE COULD JUST USE OUR POWERS TO GET ACCESS TO OUR DAD...

...BUT THEY WON'T WORK ON THOSE *FASCIST DRONES.*

WE COULD TRY AND MAKE OUR WAY THROUGH THE *SEWERS.*

KNOK KNOK

I... THE DOOR. SHOULD I--?

NO! I'VE--I'VE GOT IT...

HEY, *SPORT...*

...GONNA NEED YOU KIDS TO COME WITH ME.

HOW ABOUT...

...YOU DON'T MOVE A *MUSCLE.*

HNN... F-FANCY POWERS AIN'T GONNA SAVE YOU, KID...

YOU KNOW WHAT...WHAT WOULD?

...RUBBER BOOTS...

FZSSS

HNHH!

FZSSSSHAA

TARGETS ACQUIRED. BRINGING THEM IN...

CONGRATS...

...NOW TRY THAT WITH *THESE* KIDS, BIG MAN.

HRRR-- CRIMINALSSSS!

CHAMPIONS! GRAB THE KIDS, GET THEM TO SAFETY...

...AND COME BACK!

GOT ONE!

THEY'RE *KIDS*, YOU CAPTAIN AMERICAN'T.

FISK IS GOING TO *USE* THEM TO CONTROL THE *CITY!*

IT'S *U.S.AGENT*, SWEETHEART. AND THESE KIDS ARE A *DANGER* TO THEMSELVES AND *OTHERS.*

WHILE *THIS* GUY'S DANGEROUS TO *YOU.*

AH, CRAP.

GREETINGS, LAWBREAKERS.

HNH!

KRAKOA

AREN'T YOU *ABOVE* ALL THIS, *ABOMINATION?*

YOUR CURRENT *MAYOR* HAS INFORMATION I *NEED*, LITTLE GIRL...

TAK

AH, #@$%--

GOT HER! HER POWER'S *GONE!*

ALL I HAVE TO *DO* IS *UPHOLD THE LAW...*

...BY WHATEVER MEANS *NECESSARY.*

TOOM

WE GOTTA GO!

NFF!

WE CAN'T LEAVE!

THAT'S ABOMINATION, JESS! WE'LL SAVE THE REST OF THE KIDS, BUT WE CAN'T DO IT...

"...IF WE'RE DEAD."

--POSSIBILITY OF A *RESTAURANT.* IT'S WHERE HE'S MOST LIKELY TO--

BUTCH? WHAT'S--?

MIKE.

JUST DOING SOME PLANNING.

WE'LL PICK THIS UP IN AN HOUR OR SO, GUYS.

WAIT... ARE YOU...?

...ARE YOU PLANNING TO *HIT* THE $#@% *MAYOR?*

OUR REVENUES HAVE DROPPED EIGHTY PERCENT SINCE HE SENT THOSE DAMN COP DRONES OUT.

SO, YEAH. I GUESS SO.

YOU-- YOU--

IT WASN'T SUPPOSED TO BE LIKE THIS, BUTCH!

WE WERE SUPPOSED TO BE *DIFFERENT!* BLOODLESS!

I KNOW YOUR DAD *PISSED* YOU OFF, BUT--

THIS ISN'T *PERSONAL,* MIKE.

THERE'S TOO MUCH RIDING ON MY ACTIONS NOW THAT I'M THE *KINGPIN.*

US KEEPING OUR HANDS CLEAN? THAT WAS A *FAIRY TALE.*

YOU DON'T WANT TO BE A PART OF THIS? FINE.

WHAT IF I...WHAT IF I HAD A WAY TO SET THINGS RIGHT?

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

I... #$@%, MAN...

I DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO *SAY* THIS...

I'M NOT REAL.

I... IT'S A LONG STORY, BUT I HAVE...I HAVE A ***STONE.*** SOME KIND OF MAGIC--*

*SEE DAREDEVIL (VOL. 6) ANNUAL #1! --ED

WHAT THE #$@% ARE YOU ON ABOUT?

"NOT REAL"? A "MAGIC STONE"?

IT--IT'S CALLED THE ***NORN STONE.*** I HID IT IN MY BROTHER'S PLACE!

IT STILL HAS SOME *POWER* TO IT, AND I'VE BEEN SITTING ON IT, LIKE AN *INSURANCE* POLICY!

BUT IT'S *TRICKY.* WE'LL NEED, LIKE, A *MANUAL* OR SOMETHING. MAYBE I CAN FIGURE OUT HOW TO USE IT TO--

$#@%, MIKE! THIS IS THE EXACT #$@% I'M ANGRY AT MY *DAD* ABOUT!

ALL THIS *SUPER HERO* NONSENSE!

I'M NOT GONNA FLY AROUND WITH SOME *MAGIC STONE* WEARING A DAMN *COSTUME* OR WHATEVER!

YOU NEVER TOOK THIS SERIOUSLY. YOU NEVER TAKE *ANYTHING* SERIOUSLY!

I'M GONNA GO RUN A $#@% *BUSINESS.*

GO PLAY WITH YOUR STONES.

BUT, BUTCH, I--

I CAN SAVE YOU. I KNOW I CAN...

Matt Murdock.

IT'S *DONE.*

THE *CHILDREN* HAVE BEEN *DRAINED* OF THEIR POWER.

THAT SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO *CONTROL* THE VOTERS AND WIN YOU YOUR WORTHLESS ELECTION.

ZEBEDIAH IS *SUPERCHARGED,* AND I'VE OUTFITTED HIM WITH A *CONTROL COLLAR* SO HE DOESN'T GET OUT OF *HAND.*

I NO LONGER CARE ABOUT THE ELECTION...

OH, REALLY? THEN WHAT'S YOUR *GRAND PLAN,* WILSON?

EVEN WITH *ZEBEDIAH* IN YOUR *CONTROL,* YOU STILL CAN'T GET PAST MY *NEURAL BLOCKERS.*

YOU KNOW WHY THAT PERPETUAL JOKE *SPIDER-MAN* KEEPS *DEFEATING* YOU, OTTO?

YOU'RE *SHORT-TERM.* YOU CAN'T THINK BEYOND *YOURSELF.*

OR *YOURSELVES.*

ESCORT THE UNWANTED OTTO *OUT,* PLEASE.

I-- WHAT--?

OF COURSE.

NO!

KRKRAH

WHAT ARE YOU--?

IT'S OVER, ZEBEDIAH.

I'M GOING TO GO KILL HIM NOW.

BUT I WANT HIM TO KNOW, I WANT *EVERYONE* TO KNOW...

...THAT WHAT HAPPENS NEXT IS HIS FAULT, FOR ALL HIS *CRIMES.*

KILL THEM, KILLGRAVE. BURN THE CITY DOWN IF YOU HAVE TO.

KILL EVERY *HERO* THAT EVER DARED TRY TO *STOP* US FROM ACHIEVING OUR *TRUE POTENTIAL.*

KILL THEM ALL.

WHERE IS SHE?!

WE'RE FINE! A COUPLE OF SCRAPES, THAT'S ALL!

IT'S OKAY, LUKE...

...IT'S MOSTLY MY *EGO* THAT'S BRUISED.

ABOMINATION IS ON THEIR SIDE NOW.

$#@%. IT'S TOO DANGEROUS OUT THERE.

HOW'S THE *KILLGRAVE* SOLUTION GOING?

I'M NO *TONY STARK*...

...BUT I THINK I'VE GOT THIS REPLICATOR WORKING.

YOU SAY THESE PURPLE MAN "NEURAL DISRUPTORS" CAME FROM *EMMA FROST?**

DO WE *TRUST* THEM TO WORK? I MEAN, THE X-MEN ARE A LITTLE--

THEY WORK. WE'VE USED THEM BEFORE.

STARK INDUSTRIES

*SEE JESSICA JONES: PURPLE DAUGHTER #2! --ED

HOW'D THE *CAMPAIGN STOP* GO?

HONESTLY, ROUGH. WE NEED TO GET RID OF FISK'S *PURPLE MAN* INFLUENCE IF I HAVE ANY SHOT OF BECOMING THE NEXT MAYOR.

YOU NEED TO *KILL HIM.*

WAIT. YOU'RE--

I'M ONE OF HIS KIDS.

AND I'M TELLING YOU, HE'S *EVIL.* AND THE ONLY WAY TO *STOP* HIM...

...IS TO *KILL* HIM.

I GET IT...

...I REALLY DO, JOSEPH.

BUT WE'RE NOT GOING TO KILL HIM.

THAT'S WHAT SEPARATES US FROM THEM. WE *HELP* PEOPLE. WE *SAVE* LIVES.

TAKING A LIFE...IT'LL HAUNT YOU. IT'LL EAT YOUR *SOUL*.

WE'LL STOP YOUR FATHER. *AND* FISK.

Kirsten McDuffie

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HEY. WHAT'S UP?

THERE'S AN *UPRISING* IN THE MYRMIDON! I DON'T HAVE MUCH INFO, BUT I CAN ONLY IMAGINE OUR SUPERS ARE INVOLVED!

WITH *FOGGY* LAID UP, I'M GOING TO GO ROPE *MATT* IN TO HELP WITH THE *LEGAL* FALLOUT.

I...DON'T THINK THAT'S A GREAT IDEA.

I KNOW HE'S BEEN *FLAKY* LATELY, BUT HE HAS TO *STEP UP*.

WE *ALL* HAVE TO. IT'S GETTING *BAD* OUT HERE. DOWNTOWN HAS TURNED INTO SOME SORT OF *RIOT*.

WAIT, WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?

WHAT HAPPENED?

I-- I DON'T KNOW...

FISK! HE'S *LOST* IT! HE'S--

WAIT! WHERE ARE YOU--?

STAND DOWN, OCTAVIUS. YOU'RE NOT OUR *TARGET* HERE.

AVENGERS...

...ASSEMBLE!

WHAT'S UP, DOC?

DOCS?

HN!

SORRY, OTTO. AS USUAL, YOU DON'T RATE HIGH ON MY LIST OF *PRIORITIES*...

..UNLESS YOU'VE SEEN A CERTAIN *PURPLE MAN* AROUND?

WE'D LOVE TO *TALK* TO HIM.

OF COURSE. AS LONG AS YOU DON'T MIND...

...IT BEING A *GROUP* CONVERSATION.

WE'VE GOT A *PROBLEM*, LUKE!

OH GOD...

...HE'S GOT *EVERYONE.*

WHAT THE HELL...?

#@$%!

BUTCH! PICK UP!

DID YOU-- DID YOU JUST TRASH MY PLACE LOOKING FOR THE STONE?

PHEW.

I DON'T LIKE HOW THIS #@$%'S COME BETWEEN US...

...BUT YOU'RE MY BEST FRIEND. I DON'T WANT TO SEE YOU MAKE A HUGE MISTAKE.

CALL ME BACK, MAN. OKAY?

ALL RIGHT... NOW TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO USE IT FOR THIS...

I BET THAT DR. STRANGE GUY HAS, LIKE, A MANUAL OR--

Matt Murdock.

HK!

YOU.

THIS IS YOUR FAULT!

NH!

HNNN...F-FISK? WH--I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE'S PLANNING... I SW--

NO MORE GAMES--

--DAREDEVIL!

WH...? N-NOT DAREDEVIL...

PRETENDING TO BE *BLIND!*

PRETENDING TO BE A *HERO!*

WHILE YOU *VIOLATED* ALL OF OUR *MINDS!*

I SHOULD HAVE DONE THIS *YEARS* AGO!

KR SHUNK

NO MORE! YOU HEAR ME?!

NO!

MORE! STOP!

Y-Y-YOU...

NO MORE.

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